

OBITUARY.

LT.-COL. BANARSI DAS.

LIEUT.-COL. BANARSI DAS, late Chairman of the Indian Division, Royal Medico-Psychological Association, died at his residence in Agra on December 19, 1943. Colonel Das had been in failing health for some time, and had actually tendered his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Division in November, 1943.

Born on May 11, 1888, he took the M.B., B.S. of the Punjab University in 1911, and after serving in the Provincial Medical Service of the United Provinces from 1911 till 1929 he was deputed to England to study Psychiatry. He received the D.P.M.Eng. in 1930, and in 1931 he made a tour of mental hospitals in the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe. He was appointed Superintendent of the Mental Hospital, Agra, in succession to the late Lieut.-Col. Overbeck-Wright, I.M.S., and continued in this appointment until his retirement in February, 1943. It was largely due to the energy of Colonel Das that the Indian Division of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association was formed. He became its first Secretary in 1939, and Chairman in 1942, on the retirement of Lt.-Col. C. Lodge Patch, I.M.S. In 1942, in virtue of his work as an honorary psychiatrist to the army, he was granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.



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